



# CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

Galyn Manor Pump Station Fee & Ordinance  
Dave gives history and overview. (Fees attached)

Chris Standing - 23 Sheridan Lane - Would like private contractor to operate pump station. Do we evaluate all services? Not in favor of fee.

JoEllen Fisher - 707 Brunswick Street - Doesn't believe it is fair for current residents to pay for pumping in Galyn Manor that they don't use.

Alan Miner - 13 Brad Allen - Residents had no say regarding the fee. This is a fee without representation.

Steven Allgaier - 3 Brad Allen Drive - When he lived on the west side of Brunswick, his utility rates went toward entire system costs even though Yourtee Springs water treatment was less expensive.

Dennis Vinal - 220 Galyn Manor Drive - Was unaware of fee when purchasing his home. Income Tax revenues are spread throughout the City.

Kim Cable - 807 4<sup>th</sup> Ave - Responding to Citizen comments. She recalls Pulte or Ryan discussing fee at open meeting. City does not have responsibility to inform homeowners of all Ordinances enacted. Residents have some responsibility.

Biser - Should not look at which bucket the money goes in, i.e., Enterprise or General Fund. There is an overall benefit from Galyn Manor

Jones - Reads several emails.

Cable Franchise Ordinance - Josh Bokee, Direct of Government of Municipal Affairs

Smith - Is the increase fee passed on to residents? Will not vote for another tax.

Paul Rose, City Attorney - Rates that are charged are regulated by Federal law.

Biser - Doesn't believe bills go up 2%. Market dictates cable rates.

Josh Bokee - Have made significant improvements in Frederick and Brunswick in service and high speed broadband.

No public comment.

FY 2011 Budget

Kim Cable - 807 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Presents Attorney fees regarding Judicial Review pertaining to County APFO. Does not agree with this action. Litigation has cost \$14,000 to date. Nothing but a spitting contest. County APFO does not effect Brunswick.

Seth Elder - 723 East Potomac Street - Questions cell phone bills, Financial Administration salaries.

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL - Johnson, Biser, Bowie, Stull, Tome, Smith - all present

MAYOR'S REMARKS

County ban on Open Burning in effect.

Water line break on Yourtee Springs line.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Seth Elder, 723 Brunswick Street - Clarifies comment about 1 ½% salary increase FY 2010.

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Galyn Manor Pump Station Fee Discussion - Four possibilities - full operational costs, hard costs only, Biocide costs only, or no fee. Mayor comments that four of the Council were present for the original vote on fee.

Mayor - Mentions that two of the Council members were present for the original vote on this

issue, not four as previously stated.

Motion Tome - To repeal the ordinance  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Smith

Biser - Abstain from vote due to possible ethical issues but feel strongly against fee.  
Mayor agrees with abstention.

Vote 5 - 0 to repeal, Biser abstains

Smith - Was not effected by turnout.

Stull - Thanks all for citizen participation.

Property Tax Discussion

Mayor - Constant Yield is \$.07 above current rate, or \$.492.

Stull - Concerned with tax rate being below \$.05. Concerned with FY 2012.

Stull - Motion to set Property Rate at and increase of \$.05 or to \$.472  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bowie

Vote 2 - 4, Bowie and Stull in favor; Johnson, Smith, Tome, Biser against

Johnson - Property taxes will be less.

Biser - Residents will be paying less in tax next year even with \$.05 increase.  
Not in favor of \$.05 but not \$.00. Would be in favor of \$.03 or \$.025.

Smith - Not in favor of Property Tax increase. Have not cut budget enough.

Mayor - Not in favor of 2 or 3 cents. We have a responsibility to the citizens to perform tasks to meet their needs.

Tome - Not in favor of \$.05.

Tome Motion for \$.04  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Johnson

Vote 4-2, Biser and Smith opposed; Johnson, Bowie, Stull and Tome in favor

Water & Sewer Utility Rate Discussion

Bowie - Concerned about 1<sup>st</sup> tier and senior citizens. Wants 1<sup>st</sup> tier to have less impact.

\$4.24 per year for tier 1 in sewer.

Tome - Believe in Conservation Rate. Asks how many businesses are in top tier. Concerned with impact on business.

Biser - These are not significant increases.

Motion - Stull to approve current rate increases

2<sup>nd</sup> Tome

Vote 6 - 0

#### Cable Franchise and Ordinance

Paul Rose - Previous Ordinance was outdated. New Ordinance authorizes the City Administrator to executed the agreement with Council approval. It incorporates the agreement by reference in the Ordinance.

Biser - Motion to adopt Ordinance as recommended by staff and City Attorney and assign next sequential number

2<sup>nd</sup> Johnson

Vote 5 - 1, Smith opposed

National Art Honor Society, Brunswick High Donation Request

Motion to donate \$20 for train mural - Tome

2<sup>nd</sup> Bowie

Vote 6 - 0 to approve

#### I&I Bid Opening

Insituform Technologies \$380,565

Progressive Pipeline \$418,104.50

Pleasants Construction \$538,472

AM-Liner East \$586,080

Approved By:  6/8/10  
Mayor Date

Witnessed By:   
City Administrator Date